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Under Article 11. Treaty of 14th June. 1866.
with Creek Indians.

The undersigned John Cooks, ag^d 30,
Freedman of the Creek Nation, and a loyal refugee - Subse-
-quently a Soldier in Company "C." 2nd Kansas Col. Regt. -
being duly examined and sworn: (he understanding, &
conversing in the English language,) deposes and says;
Whilst living with his wife and children, on his place at
the old Council ground, about 20 miles South from the Creek
Agency, and sometime in the month of August 1863, he
ran away therefrom, taking his wife and children with him,
and fled to Kansas, to avoid being taken to the South, into
Slavery, by his master Reuben Cooks. - And this deponent
further says: In order to accomplish his purpose to join
the Union Army, and to frustrate the well known designs of
his master, he was compelled to use every precaution and
secrecy, and to fly, unencumbered, in the night - and did
necessarily abandon and ^{lose} the property hereafter set forth -
which he, at the time, owned and had in possession: -

To Say:

1.	One large Saddle, Horse, half bred.	valued at	\$ 80.00
4	Four Indian Horses.	at \$50. each	200.00
100.	One hundred bushels Corn.	" \$1.00 bush.	100.00
70	Seventy bushels Wheat	" \$2.00 "	140.00
30	Thirty bushels Potatoes,	" \$1.00 "	30.00
10.	Ten bushels Pea Nuts	" \$1.00 "	10.00
	Amount carried forward.		\$ 560.00

	Amount brought forward.	\$ 560.00
2	Trunks (Two), Containing Clothing	at 30.00
Set	Household & Kitchen Furniture &c	" 59.00
50	Eighty head of Poultry.	" 20.00
	making a total value of	\$ 669.00

Six hundred and Sixty nine dollars. Further this deponent
 saith not.

John Cooks.

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Subscribed and Sworn to before me at the Creek
 Agency on this 9th day of November, A.D. 1869.

J. P. O'Connell
 Atty. Gen. of the Creek Nation,
 South & Supt.

The undersigned, Charles Renty
 and Morris Renty, Freedmen of the Creek
 Nation, and loyal refugees, being duly examined
 and sworn, (they understanding and conver-
 sing in the English language:) do jointly depose
 and say: They are not interested in the claim
 of John Cooks in any pecuniary manner
 whatever: That they have heard the foregoing
 affidavit read to them, and know its contents,
 and that the same is correct and true in every
 particular. And these deponents further say
 that, to their own knowledge, the Claimant Cooks
 did, at the time of his flight, own and possess, and
 did necessarily abandon and lose all the property

set forth in his deposition: That they were with him
at the time, and accompanied him to Gibson, en
route to Kansas, and that he had no property with
him of any kind. Further these Deponents don't
say.

Charles Renty,

Morris Renty.

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^{Mark}

Subscribed and sworn to before me at the Great
Agency, on this 9th day of November A.D. 1869.

W. H. C. H. M.

10th Oct. Maj. Asst. Supt. Ind. Affairs,
South N. S. P. T. A.

Awards

The loss of property specified above is deemed
established by the foregoing testimony. Also, the
status of claimant. The amount claimed, how-
ever, is, in some instances, considered excessive.
Upon inquiry, it is found, the values of the different
kinds of property, at the time the loss occurred ruled
as follows:-

Horses - Saddle -	\$30.00 each. -
Horse - Indian -	15.00 "
Corn - per bushel -	.50 "
Wheat - per bushel -	1.00 "
Potatoes - per bushel -	.50 "
Pea Nuts - per bushel -	.50 "

Cowboy - One-half claimed value: - \$10.00
and for the following one-half the claimed
value:-

Trunks, & contents \$15.00

Household & Kitchen furniture &c. \$29.50

In consideration of these, and all other
facts attainable, bearing upon the case, we
believe it just and equitable to award this
claimant John Cooks - Two hundred
and eighty four dollars and fifty cents.

\$284.⁵⁰/₁₀₀

M. H. Hays

Brevet Major General U.S. Army:-
Supt. Indian Affairs, Southern Superintendency

G. A. Smith

Captain U.S. Army:-
Creek Agent.

No. 70.

John Cooks -

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